GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORT OF CERTAIN ITEMS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are restrictions on export of certain items from the country at present;

(b) if so, the details of such restrictions alongwith the benefits of these restrictions and the names of items on which these restrictions have been imposed so far;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to lift such restrictions imposed on the export of some of these items; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for which these restrictions are proposed to be removed?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The list of items on which export restrictions are in existence are given in Table A and Table B of Schedule 2 of `ITC(HS) Classification of Export and Import Items (incorporating amendments made upto 31st August,1998)` and as amended from time to time, the copy of which is available in Parliamentary Library.

(c) & (d) The question of lifting restrictions on export of certain Agricultural Products like Wheat, Coarse grains, Rice Basmati, Whole and instant Milk Food, Gum Karaya, Niger Seeds etc. is under consideration of the Government. The proposal for removal of restrictions on exports is in line with the policy of economic liberalisation being followed by the Government since 1991. The proposal aims at promoting India`s exports of these commodities.